THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The State Governments are the "appropriate Government" under the various labour laws and legally vested with the powers to deal with the enforcement of labour laws in information technology sector. Information Technology and information technology enabled services are covered under existing labour laws. Accordingly, State Governments have been requested to take appropriate action in getting the labour laws implementation reviewed expeditiously.

(c) The desired information is not centrally maintained.

Cases by Provident Commissioner's Office against employers

1595. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered by the Employees Provident Commissioner's Office against the employers for violation of various provisions of labour laws during 2005-06 and so far during 2006-07, year-wise and Zone-wise; and

(b) the number of such cases which have been pending in courts for over five years, as on 1st April, 2006, and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to expedite their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The details are given below:

Number of cases filed

	Under Section 14 of Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952		Under Section 406-409 of Indian Penal Code	
	2005-06	2006-07	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4	5
East Zone	899	445	69	19

1	2	3	4	5
North Zone	998	0	26	1
South Zone	5230	4	313	23
West Zone	878	87	49	6
TOTAL	8005	536	457	49

(b) The number of prosecution cases pending in courts for over five years are as following:

East Zone	9363
North Zone	5933
South Zone	7079
West Zone	13135
TOTAL	35510

Progress of the pending cases is regularly monitored by Head Office of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation. Standing counsels have been impressed upon to get expeditious disposal of the cases and prayers are made to Hon'ble courts accordingly.

New rules about service conditions of daily wagers

†1596. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed Government to formulate new rules about service conditions for daily wagers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the basis of Supreme Court's directive?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.